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# HISTORY, CHARTER AND BY-LAWS

OF

# MASSACHUSETTS LODGE:

WITH THE

ORIGINAL AND ADMITTED MEMBERS, PAST MASTERS,
HONORARY AND ACTIVE MEMBERS, &c.

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# HISTORICAL SKETCH.

MASSACHUSETTS LODGE had its birth amid the throes that preceded the American Revolution. The "Massacre" of the 5th of March, 1770, in King street, was still exciting the deepest feeling of Boston, when some of its best citizens projected this Lodge, to be consecrated to all social and charitable offices. The youthful and patriotic JOSEPH WARREN, then at the head of the Fraternity in the State, — soon to become the orator to enunciate, at the second anniversary, the principles which underlay that collision of the soldiery and populace, and a few years later to offer his illustrious life upon Bunker's Hill, in attestation of his devotion to those principles, — placed his name, on the 12th of May, 1770, to the Charter for the institution of this Lodge — the second instance, during his administration, that he rendered this service. He was pleased, with his associate officers of the Grand Lodge, to repose "special trust and confidence in the prudence, fidelity, and skill in Masonry" of JOSEPH TYLER, JAMES JACKSON, ISAAC RAND, WILLIAM PALFREY, JOHN HILL, NATHANIEL CUDWORTH, JOSHUA LORING, and JOHN JEFFRIES; and accordingly these gentlemen, with their associates and successors, were constituted "the Massachusetts Lodge."

On the 17th of May, these Charter members met at the "Masons' Arms," in the "Green Dragon" tavern, on Union, near Hanover street, for organization, all being present save Messrs. Rand and Jeffries, the latter unavoidably detained, the former never participating apparently in the sessions of the new society. Officers were selected at once, as follows: — Joseph Tyler, W. M.; William Palfrey, S. W.; James Jackson, J. W.; Nathaniel Cudworth, T.; Joshua Loring, S.; John Hill, S. D.; John Jeffries, J. D. Jeremiah Webb was appointed Steward. Messrs. Hill, Palfrey and Jeffries were appointed a committee on By-Laws; and it was voted to meet the first Monday in each month.

The second meeting was on the 4th of June, at the "Masons' Arms," which was adjourned to the 11th of June, at "Concert Hall," on Queen street, when Samuel Gardner and John Langdon, Jr., were made Masons and admitted as members; being the first to receive these honors in the Lodge.

On the 6th of August, it was voted that "the instalment of this Lodge be on next Friday night week" [Aug. 17]; but no record seems to have been kept of the meeting for this purpose, — that next recorded being the session of Aug. 10, wherein nothing appears referring to the ceremony of installation.

The Lodge, however, seemed now to be in good working order, and began its career of active usefulness. On the 3d of December, William Palfrey was

elected W. M. for the ensuing year, and on the 17th, with the other officers for 1771, was duly installed.

On the evening of April 1, 1771, the M. W. G. M., JOSEPH WARREN, Esq., visited the Lodge in ample form — his first formal and official visit. On June 3, the representatives to the Grand Lodge were directed to make inquiry "whether the proper steps have been taken to procure a confirmation of our Charter from the Grand Lodge in Scotland; and if not, to desire they may be taken immediately; and that the seal of the Grand Lodge be affixed to the Charter." Subsequent records give no intelligence of the result of this vote.

On the 20th of Jan., 1773, in the language of the records, "the W. G. M., Joseph Warren, Esq., presents his compliments to the brethren of Massachusetts Lodge, and begs their acceptance of Calcot's Disquisition on Masonry;" for which mark of respect the thanks of the members were returned in writing.

The place of meeting, on the 3d of Oct., 1774, was changed to the "Bunch of Grapes Tavern," King street, and this became the accustomed place for a considerable time subsequently.

Until Feb. 6, 1775, the meetings were regular and full of interest. The growing importance, however, of the struggle with the mother country, the leading part taken by Bostonians in the controversy, but more especially the conspicuous connection of the illustrious Warren with the patriot cause, led to a suspension of the meetings from the date mentioned till Dec. 9, 1778, nearly four years; when again the members convened at the "Bunch of Grapes," and renewed their Masonic vows.

The condition of the currency at this period is well illustrated by the records of March 1, 1779, from which it appears that an account from Mr. Joshua Blanchard, for sundries furnished the Lodge in 1772 and 1773, (balance due him £2,) was presented; whereupon it was voted, "that, in consideration of the depreciation of the currency, the Treasurer be desired to pay Mr. Blanchard £60, he giving a receipt in full."

On the 7th of March, 1780, the following important and significant vote was passed: —

"Voted, That the present G. M. be requested to call a special Grand Lodge for the purpose of considering the expediency of writing a circular letter to all the Lodges throughout the continent, proposing a general convention of delegates from all the said Lodges, to meet at some convenient place, for the purpose of cementing all the members of the Fraternity through the UNITED STATES, by making choice of one Continental Grand Master, and adopting such other methods, and forming such orders and regulations, as shall conduce to the peace, order and harmony of Masonry, and the welfare of the craft in general, throughout America."

That this vote was pregnant of good results in the union and strength of the Order, is manifest from subsequent proceedings of the Lodge; for instance: — On the 12th of Sept., a letter from R. W., Joseph Webb, G. M., was read; whereupon it was

"Voted, That the committee to the Grand Lodge concur with the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia."

And on the 5th of Dec. it was further

"Voted, That the representatives of this body at the Grand Lodge act their judgment respecting the choice of a Grand Master throughout these States."

Again, on the 7th of Dec. 1784, it was

"Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to draw up a petition to the Grand Lodge, requesting that they take measures to convene all Lodges of Ancient Masons holding under authority derived from Grand Masters in the late Province, or now State or Commonwealth, of Massachusetts."

On the 5th of March, 1785, it was further

"Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to represent this Lodge in the Convention of Lodges on Thursday next (8th March), at 3 o'clock, agreeably to the direction of the Grand Lodge."

And on the 2d of May following it was again

"Voted, That delegates be appointed to meet in the Convention of Lodges, in Charlestown, on Thursday, the 26th of May, on business for promoting the craft."

Having by these votes been foremost in securing measures for the union of the Order in the United States and Massachusetts, it would seem that a new interest would be imparted to the Lodge; on the contrary, with the establishment of national and fraternal independence, the members of this Lodge seemingly became indifferent, and allowed the meetings to be suspended from June 6, 1785, to June 12, 1788, a period of three years.

On this latter date, the W. M., M. M. Hays, Esq., specially called the members together, and, as the records say, "acquainted them that so much time had elapsed by neglect of the Lodge's meeting that complaints were made by the Grand Lodge, and demands were made for the dues to the Grand Lodge; therefore the W. M. called on the Lodge for their serious consideration; whereupon the members present Voted and Resolved, To support the honor and dignity of the Lodge; and that from this evening shall commence our resolutions."

This resolution from that date has been scrupulously observed, and no suspension of meetings, save during the summer months, has occurred.

From the date last mentioned, also, the Lodge took a fresh and prosperous start, and each member vied with the others in contributing to the general welfare. On the 1st Sept., the M. W. G. M., M. M. Hays, presented the Lodge with three truncheons, — the same now in use by the Lodge, — whereupon the thanks of the Lodge were voted for the gift, and it was directed that the name and number of the Lodge be engraved on the silver cap at one end, and the donor's name on the other. The date of this gift, by recent vote, has also been added to the inscriptions.

On the 12th of Oct., 1789, the Lodge resumed its sessions at Concert Hall, where many of its most pleasant gatherings were held.

On the 4th of Feb., 1799, a subscription-paper was presented "for the raising of a Lodge-room." At the following meeting, on the 4th of March, the committee to whom it was referred reported that as the proposed room was to be for the use of this and other Lodges, they had subscribed for one share. This action was confirmed, and was the initiatory step for the procural of an exclusive place of meeting for the Fraternity in Boston.

The death of our illustrious brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, was announced officially, in a letter from the Grand Lodge, Feb. 3, 1800, which embodied a request for some pecuniary aid towards the decorations of the procession soon to be formed as a tribute of respect to his memory. The sum of $20 was appropriated.

On the 2d of Nov., 1803, quite a sensation was created by the announcement that the Charter of the Lodge was missing, and a committee of five was appointed to take such measures as they should deem expedient to recover it. The excitement was equally strong, on the 2d of Dec. following, when the Charter was found restored to its accustomed place among the regalia. Each member present was questioned respecting its absence, the use made of it, and the means of its return, but all, severally, on their honor, declared that they had no knowledge of the same. So, too, with the janitor of the hall; and, at subsequent meetings, other members of the Lodge. The reasons of its absence, or by whom caused, were never ascertained. Bro. Joseph Laughton was entrusted, upon the recovery of the Charter, with its custody for a renewal of the seal and the repair of the writing; to which duty he faithfully attended, receiving the thanks of the Lodge therefor.

On the 16th of Oct., 1804, at the official visit of D. D. G. M., John Boyle, that officer informed the Lodge that

"The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, finding it difficult, from the great increase of Lodges in the Commonwealth, from their local situation, and from many other causes, to keep up a regular correspondence with them, thought it expedient to adopt a new mode of communication; and accordingly, in Dec., 1801, passed a resolution for dividing all the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge into districts, at the same time authorizing the Grand Master to appoint a District Deputy Grand Master in and for each district, whose duty it shall be to visit the several Lodges within his district once at least in every year."

The plan of districting the State, thus first formally announced, has been continued ever since, to manifest convenience.

On July 29, 1805, the Lodge met at "Masons' Hall," on Ann, near Union street, (in a brick building still standing,) where subsequently commodious apartments were fitted up by the different Masonic organizations at an expense of nearly $700, which were thrown open for the inspection of the members and their families on the evening of Oct. 19, 1807, when appropriate social and festive exercises were held, Bro. Ebenezer Adams furnishing an eloquent address.

Such was the desire for admission at this period, the By-Laws were altered to allow of *sixty* members (instead of forty, as previously), and the specified number was rapidly obtained.

On the 30th of April, 1810, the propriety and utility of instituting a fund for charity being suggested by Bro. Josiah Calef, a committee of five (of whom our still living and highly-respected W. Bro., Matthew S. Parker, was one) was chosen to consider the subject. This committee subsequently reported in its favor, arguing that "such a fund will be promotive of the happiness of our society, inasmuch as it will tend to attach more firmly the members to the general interest of the Lodge and to each other, and add to the respectability of our institution by enabling us to contribute more bountifully for the relief of misfortune and distress, directing our attention to real objects of charity. As our wishes are to comply with our duty in doing all the good in our power, and as our ability to mitigate existing sorrows and ward off approaching evils will by such a fund be increased, your committee beg leave to recommend the following plan, believing with confidence that it will be productive of the happiest consequences."

The plan of the committee was given in detail, the leading features of

which were to set apart $300 (of the $450 then in hand) for the fund; each member to contribute $1; from each initiate's fees $1 to be added; each new member, in addition to other charges, to pay $5; and all donations to be appropriated to this object. When the fund should amount to $1000, in no case was it to be divided or diminished except by unanimous vote, but was to be considered a separate fund from that of the Lodge, controlled by five trustees, elected annually, the treasurer of which should be other than the Treasurer of the Lodge. The fund could be loaned to members, on good security, in sums not more than $100, on time not exceeding one year, upon application in writing; the interest accruing to be given in charity. Books were to be kept, open to all members, showing at all times the condition of the fund.

The plan was adopted July 10, and the fund has ever since existed, though the original provisions have, from time to time, been essentially modified.

A distinguishing feature of this Lodge was its open-handed charity, both previous and subsequent to the adoption of the Charity Fund. For a long series of years, scarcely a meeting was held that a collection was not made for some deserving person, and in not a few instances two and even three collections were had in a single evening. Numerous are the testimonials on record of the gratitude of the beneficiaries for the assistance thus rendered. A peculiar case was that acted upon June 24, 1811, when visiting Bro. A. Ghio made application for aid towards redeeming certain white persons held in slavery in Algiers, which was answered by the appointment of a committee to grant such sum, not exceeding $10, as they might think proper.

On the 29th of Dec., 1815, the Charity Fund had accumulated to $670.89, a fact which gained the congratulations of all; on the 27th Dec., 1816, to $783.51, when power was given to the Trustees to invest in the public stocks; and on the 5th Dec., 1817, to $1008.55,—on which occasion the Committee of Examination say:—"The fund reflects more honor on the Lodge than any other event since its foundation. It is also worthy of remark that only $431 of this fund has ever been taken from the other funds of the Lodge, or raised by tax upon the members; therefore, if this fund had never been established, that sum only would now constitute the amount of our funds; hence, we may justly say the Lodge have enriched themselves, by creating this establishment, more than $600 in short of four years and a half. Your committee doubt not each member will feel an honorable pride in watching over its interest, and will entrust it to the care and management of those only who will faithfully guard the sacred trust. Your committee hope it will never fall into the hands of the careless, indifferent or wasteful, but may continue to increase and extend our means of doing good."

In August, 1817, the Lodge removed to commodious quarters in the Exchange Coffee House, located between Congress and Devonshire streets, which were occupied till Nov. 2, 1818, the date of the destruction of the building by fire, together with much of its property, as well as that of other Lodges, occupying in common the premises. The Commercial Coffee House, on the corner of Milk and Batterymarch streets, then received the several organizations temporarily, and here, on Nov. 27, 1818, a committee of three was appointed "to confer with similar committees relative to a permanent place of meeting, in conjunction with others, or by ourselves; and also to consider the expediency of building a Masonic Hall, to be owned by the Fraternity." In Jan., 1819, another removal was made to the old "Masons' Hall," in Ann street.

A communication was received, April 30, 1819, from a convention of committees of charity from the several Masonic societies in Boston, requesting authority to form a Board for the better relief of strangers in distress. On the 11th June, the committee to whom it was referred reported favorably thereon, stating that in their opinion, it would greatly diminish the annual expenses of Massachusetts Lodge, by granting power to the trustees of the Charity Fund to form part of the Board proposed; and the committee, therefore, recommended that the trustees be authorized to connect themselves with the Board. The report was unanimously accepted, and on the 3d of July the rules and regulations for the government of the Board of Relief were approved. Since this period, the Lodge has annually made a donation to the funds of this Board; though now the Master and Wardens are the representatives at its sessions.

A committee on the subject reported Oct. 27, 1820, that they had agreed, with the other Masonic organizations, to pay their proportion of the rent and repairs of the upper stories in the Old State House, for a place of meeting, to be taken on a lease of ten years, at an annual rental of $600. These apartments were made ready the following spring, and on the 6th of April, 1821, a special meeting was held to dedicate them in part to the service of Massachusetts Lodge. A large company of ladies and gentlemen were present, who were eloquently addressed by Bro. Nathaniel Niles, M. D. During his remarks he said: —

"Do we not feel a patriotic glow when we reflect that this very hall was the birth-place of our political liberties? It was within these walls that the spirit of freedom first inspired the tongues of our Revolutionary patriots. In this place the arrogance of the English government received its first check. It was here that her arbitrary assumption of the right and power to tax and control the colonies was boldly and pertinaciously denied and opposed."

It was natural that the prospective occupancy of such a hall should turn the thoughts of members to the leaders in the great contest which resulted in national independence; and it is not surprising, therefore, to find that on the 26th of Jan., 1821, a committee of three was appointed "to procure a portrait of our late M. W. G. M., JOSEPH WARREN, whose name is on our Charter." On the 29th of March, 1822, the committee reported they had procured "a likeness of that distinguished statesman, patriot, and Mason," which was duly presented and unanimously accepted. This portrait — now held as a piece of property of especial value by the Lodge — was made by Bro. Ethan A. Greenwood, an artist of merit and celebrity, and a graduate of Dartmouth College, then resident in Boston. It was copied from a portrait taken by Copley, in 1773 or 1774, just prior to that great artist's visit to Europe, and belonging to Mrs. Mary Newcomb, a daughter of M. W. G. M., Warren, and wife of Richard English Newcomb, Esq., Judge of Probate of Greenfield, Mass., who also was a brother Mason. The artist bestowed great skill and care upon this portrait, and it is considered an excellent likeness, excelled by none, save the original by Copley. The original is still in existence in Greenfield, and is held at a high value by its owner, Hon. Daniel W. Alvord.

Closely allied to the subject-matter of this portrait, is the erection of the monumental stone on Bunker Hill; and naturally, again, on the 25th of May, 1825, is to be found upon the records the vote that "the Master and Wardens be a committee to make suitable arrangements for this Lodge, with other Masonic societies, to celebrate the laying of the corner-stone of the Washington monument, on Bunker Hill, on the 17th of June next." Agreeably to

notice, therefore, the Lodge met at Faneuil Hall, on Friday mo ning, June 17, at 8 o'clock, and joined the procession for celebrating the laying of the corner-stone of the contemplated monument, which, after passing through some of the principal streets, proceeded to Charlestown, and thence to Bunker Hill, under the direction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, "when," as the record narrates, "the corner-stone was laid by M. W., John Abbot, Esq., Grand Master, assisted by Gen. Lafayette, and a number of the officers of the Grand Encampment, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and Grand Lodges of the neighboring States; after which an elegant address was delivered by Daniel Webster, Esq., on the occasion."

The Charity Fund, Dec. 2d, 1825, fifteen years from its establishment, had increased to $1515, and had been promotive of great usefulness.

Public installations from an early date had been quite a feature with this Lodge, and had always proved very attractive, the hall being invariably thronged with interested ladies and gentlemen, officers and brethren. That of the 28th of Dec., 1825, was one of peculiar interest, from the presentation of nine Past Master's jewels to as many living recipients, viz., W. Bros. John Chadwick, Matthew S. Parker, Jonathan Whitney, Eleazer G. House, Daniel L. Gibbens, Enoch Hobart, Michael Roulstone, Jedediah Tuttle, and Abraham A. Dame, — W. Bro. Gibbens responding eloquently in behalf of the Past Masters, and Bro. John P. Bigelow subsequently felicitously illustrating the principles of Masonry.

As the expiration of the lease of the premises in the Old State House drew near, the necessity of a permanent place for the meetings of the Fraternity, which they should own and control, became apparent; and again this Lodge, on Feb. 23, 1827, took action on the subject by choosing a committee to meet a committee of the Grand Lodge, "respecting a permanent place for the future meeting of the Masonic family in this city;" and on the 30th of March it authorized its committee to unite with others on the subject in purchasing a lot of land on which to build a Masonic temple.

The close of the year 1827 found the country partially convulsed by the newly-risen anti-Masonic excitement; but it did not depress the spirits of the members of this Lodge. Its Charity Fund had increased to $1588.41, and there was a good degree of general prosperity. The following year six members were admitted. Then burst forth in the community that unfounded and malignant prejudice against the Order which culminated in political organization and legislative proscription. From 1829 to 1841, but one candidate was accepted for membership, and he never came forward; though this was in accordance with the accepted policy of the Lodge for the time being. Still, for a season the Lodge continued to prosper; the Charity Fund increased till it reached its maximum, in Dec., 1829, when it was $1680.14; a course of lectures was proposed and established; and the interest in the projected temple was unabated. It was not in the nature of things, however, that, without new members for thirteen years, the Fund should remain unimpaired, and accordingly, at the close of 1831, it was found to have been decreased to $1400, the residue having been used to defray in part the expenses of the Lodge.

On the 30th of Dec., 1831, after nearly a year and a half's occupancy, with the other societies, of Washington Hall, on Washington, opposite Franklin street, the Lodge met for the first time in the newly erected and spacious Masonic Temple, on Tremont street, and the Trustees of the Charity Fund, in rendering their annual report, improved the occasion to say: —

"The Trustees would congratulate the brethren on the highly favorable condition of our beloved Lodge, that, in this season of adversity, they have a fund which not only answers promptly all the calls of charity, but defrays more than half the current expenses of the Lodge; and while the discordant elements of unprincipled demagogues have endeavored to destroy our lodging-places of friendship and virtue, yet Masonry, by its fearless onward course, has now established itself in this Temple, which has been erected for her accommodation, and to perpetuate her name and glory on the earth."

As a part of the history of these times, it is interesting to mention in this connection, that on Oct. 30, 1834, a committee was chosen by this Lodge to memorialize the Grand Lodge "respecting the mode in which it can or ought to accept candidates, to guard against the restrictions now laid upon Masons by a law of the Commonwealth." This committee, on the 28th of Nov., reported that it was the opinion of the W. G. M. that "it would be best not to attempt to admit any one at this time, while the excitement against Masonry is so great," and the committee were strongly in favor of this course, and recommended it to the Lodge. This report was unanimously accepted.

The firmness and courage of the official representatives of the Order in the State, and the faithfulness of a chosen few in this Lodge, in common with others equally devoted elsewhere, carried the Fraternity bravely through the perils which surrounded them; and though for ten years or more thereafter they met obloquy and opposition, their persistent maintenance of their rights and ancient craft brought eventual prosperity and strength to Masonry again.

The independence of the Lodge, through this eventful period, was not secured without pecuniary sacrifice, and it is not surprising that in Sept. 1843, the reduction of the Charity Fund to $500 was authorized by vote; but it does not appear to have been lessened at any time below $540, — its minimum, — in Dec., 1848, — from which date it has been gradually increasing, until now it is $1100, well invested in the public stocks, and a source of constant usefulness.

On the 24th of June, 1845, upon invitation of King Solomon's Lodge of Charlestown, the Lodge joined in publicly dedicating the model of the old monument erected by them in 1794 to the memory of Gen. Joseph Warren and his associates, which had been placed within the present monument on Bunker Hill, and in holding a general Masonic celebration on that anniversary. On the 11th Nov., 1846, the Lodge participated in the dedication of the new Masonic hall in the Temple, assisting in regalia in the ceremonies, having previously contributed liberally from the funds in fitting up the apartment. On the 16th of Oct., 1848, the Lodge accepted the invitation of the authorities of Boston to participate in the ceremonies pertaining to the introduction of pure water into the city, and appeared in regalia. On the 11th of Sept., 1856, an invitation was accepted from the same authorities to participate in the services attending the inauguration of the statue of Benjamin Franklin, on the 17th Sept., which was accordingly done with creditable result.

In these and other modes, the vitality of the Lodge was made manifest; but perhaps by none more surely than in the adoption of the "new work," ordained by the Grand Lodge in 1843, which, after opposition from this Lodge to the last, took place, Jan. 29, 1847, and has since been faithfully followed and practised.

On the 8th of Jan., 1856, the Lodge was made the recipient of an elegant Bible, from its oldest living member, W. Bro., Matthew S. Parker, by the hands of W. Bro., Enoch Hobart, who stated that the donor wished it preserved as a token of remembrance of himself. Upon a fly-leaf of the Bible was this inscription : —

"Presented to Massachusetts Lodge by a Brother who has enjoyed many pleasant and profitable hours therein with brother Masons, who, most of them, have passed away, and received, as he hopes, a happy reception into the Grand Lodge above, with the benediction of 'Well done, good and faithful servants.' M. S. PARKER, aged 76 years.
"Jan. 1, 1856."

The elegant gift was received by the W. Master, who directed that the Bible upon the altar be removed, and the new one placed thereon ; whereupon the following resolution was unanimously adopted : —

"That Massachusetts Lodge accepts with gratitude the beautiful and valuable token of remembrance which has just been presented to us from our venerated senior living Past Master, Matthew S. Parker, and that the thanks of the Lodge, together with our assurance of ever-increasing respect and brotherly affection, be transmitted to him. We hope and trust that his declining years may be cheered with 'honor, love, obedience, and troops of friends, and all the joys that wait upon old age ;' and that the tranquil brightness of his setting sun may be an earnest of the glory which shall be his in that better world that knows no change."

On the 17th of June, 1857, the Lodge participated in the services attending the inauguration of a marble statue of Gen. Warren at Charlestown ; and on the 2d of August, 1859, those of the laying of the corner-stone of the Pilgrim monument at Plymouth, — in both instances making a favorable appearance.

The growth and prosperity of the Fraternity again needing more capacious quarters for the meetings of the Lodges, and the Temple being desired by the national government for judicial purposes, on the 17th May, 1858, a committee of three was appointed to confer with similar committees from other Masonic organizations relative to a removal from the Temple. This was effected in Oct. following, the last meeting of the Lodge therein being on the evening of Oct. 18. "Nassau Hall" was temporarily engaged for the use of the Order, and there, on the 15th Nov., was the first meeting of this Lodge held. The Winthrop, House on the corner of Tremont and Boylston streets, having been purchased and remodelled by the Fraternity, elegant and capacious apartments, under the name of "Freemasons' Hall," were designed and constructed within its walls ; and hither, on the 16th of Jan., 1860, came, with its associate organizations, Massachusetts Lodge, to find security, comfort and prosperity, and fondly hoping long to be of service and benefit to city, commonwealth and nation.

Amid premonitions of civil war, on the 22d of February, 1861, this Lodge, with other Masonic organizations, and the families and friends of members, crowded the Music Hall, to consider the character of our illustrious deceased brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON, as portrayed by Rev. Bro. William R. Alger, whose glowing narrative, instinct with loyalty and patriotism, called forth renewed vows to God and country.

On Dec. 16, 1861, it was voted that all members absent at the seat of war, or to become so, should be exempt from any dues during the time so engaged ;

and the following "roll of honor" of Massachusetts Lodge comprises the members who have been exempt for such patriotic services: —

JOHN P. ORDWAY, *Surgeon First Mass. Battery.*
FRANCIS MCDONALD, *Private First Mass. Regt.*
EDWIN R. FROST, *Lieut. Thirteenth Mass. Regt.*
ROBERT COWDIN, *Col. First Mass. Regt.*
BENJAMIN D. ALEXANDER, *Private First Mass. Regt.*
PETER H. NILES, *Lieut. Twenty-third Mass. Regt.*
JOHN K. FELLOWS, *Private First Maryland Battery.*
ALFRED M. CHANNELL, *Lieut. Third Maryland Regt.*
THOMAS G. WHYTAL, *Capt. Forty-third Mass. Regt.*

The work of the Lodge in the ninety-three years of its existence, to date, shows that 812 candidates have been initiated, 787 passed, and 747 raised; while 521 applicants for membership have been received. All vocations and professions have been worthily represented in the membership, and the names of many honored by city and state will be found enrolled in the list.

BOSTON, APRIL 20, 1863.

# CHARTER.

To all the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, to whom these Presents shall come, Joseph Warren, Esq., Grand Master; Jeremiah French, Esq., Senior Grand Warden; and Ponsonby Molesworth, Esq., Junior Grand Warden, in Boston, and within one hundred miles circumjacent of the same, by Patent from George, Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, duly authorized and appointed, and in ample form installed, Send Greeting:

Whereas, A petition has been presented to us by Joseph Tyler, William Palfrey, James Jackson, Isaac Rand, John Hill, Nathaniel Cudworth, Joshua Loring, and John Jeffries, all Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, resident in Boston, New England, praying that they, with such others as may hereafter think proper to join them, may be erected and constituted a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the name, title and designation of THE MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, with full power to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts, and raise Master Masons; which petition appearing to us as tending to the advancement of Ancient Masonry, and the general good of the craft, have unanimously agreed that the prayer thereof should be granted.

Know ye, therefore, that we, the said Grand Master and Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority aforesaid, and reposing special trust and confidence in the prudence, fidelity, and skill in Masonry, of our beloved Brethren above named, have constituted and appointed, and by these Presents do constitute and appoint them, the said Joseph Tyler, James Jackson, Isaac Rand, William Palfrey, John Hill, Nathaniel Cudworth, Joshua Loring, and John Jeffries, a regular Lodge of Free and

Accepted Maſons, under the name, title, and designation of THE MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, hereby giving and granting unto them and their ſucceſſors full power and authority to meet and convene as Maſons, within the town of Boſton aforeſaid, to receive and enter Apprentices, paſs Fellow Crafts, and raiſe Maſter Maſons, upon the payment of ſuch moderate compoſitions for the ſame as may hereafter be determined by ſaid Lodge; alſo to make choice of a Maſter, Wardens, and other office-bearers, annually, or otherwiſe, as they ſhall ſee cauſe; to receive and collect funds for the relief of poor and decayed Brethren, their Widows or Children; and in general to tranſact all matters relating to Maſonry which may to them appear to be for the good of the Craft, according to the ancient uſages and cuſtoms of Maſons.

And we do hereby require the ſaid conſtituted Brethren to attend at the Grand Lodge, or quarterly communication, by themſelves or their proxies, which are their Maſter and Wardens for the time being, and alſo to keep a fair and regular record of all their proceedings, and to lay the ſame before the Grand Lodge when required. And we do hereby enjoin it upon our ſaid Brethren to behave themſelves reſpectfully and obediently to their ſuperiors in office, and not to deſert their ſaid Lodge without the leave of their Maſter and Wardens. And we do declare the precedence of the said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge, and elſewhere, to commence from the date of these Preſents, and require all Ancient Maſons, eſpecially thoſe holding of this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to acknowledge and receive them and their ſucceſſors as regular conſtituted, Free and Accepted Maſons, and to treat them accordingly.

Given under our Hands, and the Seal of the Grand Lodge is hereunto affixed, at Boſton, this 12th day of May, in the year of our Lord MDCCLXX., and of Maſonry, 5770.

JOS: WARREN, G. M.
JEREMY FRENCH, S. G. W.
PONSONBY MOLESWORTH, J. G. W.

# BY-LAWS.*

## ARTICLE I.

### MEMBERSHIP.

The Lodge shall be composed of Master Masons, elected by the unanimous vote of the members present, at a regular meeting, after having been proposed one month, and the name of the candidate having been inserted in the notifications for the meeting at which the application shall be considered. Each member shall sign the By-Laws, and pay the amount specified in Article V.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEETINGS.

The regular meetings shall be held on the THIRD MONDAY EVENING of each month, at FREEMASONS' HALL, in Boston, at such hour as the Worshipful Master may direct. The regular meetings may be adjourned, when deemed expedient, by vote, for a term not exceeding three months. Special meetings may be held at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, and shall be held on the written application of seven members. The annual meeting shall be on the third Monday evening in December, at 7 o'clock.

## ARTICLE III.

### OFFICERS, AND THEIR DUTIES.

The officers shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, and Junior Steward, who shall be elected by the written or printed ballots of a majority of the members present

* Adopted March 16, 1863.

at the annual meeting, notice having been given of the same by the Secretary on the notifications. The Worshipful Master shall appoint, annually, competent brethren for the offices of Chaplain, Marshal, Sentinel, and Tyler, who may be removed at his pleasure. The officers, elected and appointed, shall hold their respective offices for the term of one year (or until others shall be designated to fill their places), and they shall be installed at the regular meeting in January, unless it is otherwise ordered.

The WORSHIPFUL MASTER shall preside at all meetings, and enjoy the rights and prerogatives of the chair, in accordance with Ancient Craft Masonry. He shall have in his possession the Charter. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise directed by vote or these By-Laws.

The Worshipful Master and Wardens shall be the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. They shall examine and act upon all bills and demands. They shall have full authority to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary at such times as they may deem it expedient. They shall, with two members, chosen at the regular communication in November, constitute an Examining Committee, and shall make an annual examination of the said books and accounts, and report at the annual meeting, previous to the election of officers; together with an account of the then condition of the Lodge; of the funds, receipts, and expenditures of the year; of the number of members admitted, withdrawn, and expelled, when, and for what cause; the number that have received the degrees; and such other particulars as shall seem necessary for the general interest.

The WARDENS shall assist the Worshipful Master in the government. (In the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden presides; and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden assumes his prerogatives.)

The TREASURER shall keep in his possession the funds. He shall receive all moneys from the Secretary, giving him a receipt therefor. He shall pay all bills and demands, after having been sanctioned by a majority of the Executive Committee, or when ordered by vote of the Lodge. The books and accounts of the

Treasurer shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the Executive Committee. He shall report to the Examining Committee the then condition of the treasury, and of all other interests under his care, to be presented at the annual meeting. He shall make investments, under the direction of the Executive Committee, of such funds as by vote directed. He shall pay over and deliver to his successor all funds and other property in his custody.

The SECRETARY shall keep a fair and correct record of the transactions, including an account of all moneys, and from whom received. He shall collect all amounts due, paying the same to the Treasurer at each regular meeting. He shall notify the members, in writing or print, of the meetings, delivering the notifications to the Tyler for distribution at least one week previously, if practicable. He shall insert in the notifications the names of the candidates for initiation and membership, any proposed alteration of the By-Laws, or such special business as the Worshipful Master may direct; and these insertions shall be made in the notifications for each succeeding meeting until the business shall be completed. He shall deliver to the chairman of each committee, at the meeting at which said committee is appointed, or within one week after the same, the names of the committee and the subject referred to them for consideration. The books and accounts of the Secretary shall be at all times subject to the inspection of the Executive Committee. He shall report to the Examining Committee an exact account of all moneys received, the number of candidates that have received the degrees, the number admitted, withdrawn, or expelled, and an inventory of the property of the Lodge, to be presented at the annual meeting. He shall furnish the Stewards, at their installation, with a copy of the inventory of the property.

The SENIOR DEACON shall act under the exclusive direction of the Worshipful Master; the Junior Deacon under the direction of the Worshipful Master and the Senior Warden.

The STEWARDS shall act under the direction of the Worshipful Master. They shall, in connection with the Tyler, have charge of the regalia. They shall annually, prior to the meeting in November, take an inventory of the property, and return the same to the Secretary before the election of officers.

The MARSHAL and the SENTINEL shall act under the direction of the Worshipful Master.

The TYLER shall guard the avenues, and suffer none to pass without permission. He shall deliver the notifications of the meetings. He shall, in connection with the Stewards, have charge of the regalia, and at the meetings distribute the jewels and regalia of the officers at their several stations, at the close collecting and securing the same.

## ARTICLE IV.

### CANDIDATES FOR THE DEGREES.

Candidates for the degrees shall make application as follows: —

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of* MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, *of Free and Accepted Masons*: —

I, the subscriber, respectfully represent, that, having long entertained a favorable opinion of your ancient Institution, I am desirous, if found worthy, to be admitted a member thereof.

My place of residence is ..... ; place and date of birth, ..... ; occupation, ..... I have .....before applied for initiation.

(Signed) .....

*Boston*, ....., 18 ....

### RECOMMENDATION.

We, the undersigned, members of MASSACHUSETTS LODGE, aforesaid, hereby recommend the said.....for initiation.

(Signed)

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*Boston*, ....., 18 ....

The application must enclose the amount prescribed in Article V. Candidates shall stand proposed one month, except in case of a dispensation obtained from the proper authorities, and their applications shall be referred to a committee of three to inquire into the character and reputation of the applicants, reporting in open session, before balloting, at which they must receive the unanimous vote of the members present to entitle them to the

degrees. If the candidate is rejected, the amount inclosed in the application shall be immediately refunded. If he is accepted, he shall be entitled to a diploma. The name of a candidate proposed for the degrees cannot be withdrawn.

## ARTICLE V.

### FEES.

The fees for the three degrees, including diploma, shall be *Thirty Dollars.*

For the second and third degrees, the first received elsewhere, *Twenty-one Dollars.*

For the third degree, the first and second received elsewhere, *Eleven Dollars.*

For membership, the candidate having been initiated in this Lodge, *Five Dollars.*

For membership, the candidate not having been initiated in this Lodge, *Ten Dollars.*

For a special meeting, called for the convenience of a candidate, in addition, the sum of *Five Dollars*, unless remitted by vote.

## ARTICLE VI.

### ALLOWANCES AND GRATUITIES.

Honorary Members, the Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, and Tyler, shall be exempt from quarterages.

The Secretary shall receive for attendance at each meeting, *Four Dollars*, and for each diploma, duly signed and sealed, *One Dollar.*

The Tyler shall receive for attendance and other services pertaining to each meeting, *Four Dollars.*

The widow or orphans of a member shall receive a sum not exceeding *Twenty-five Dollars*, if deemed expedient by the Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VII.

### QUARTERAGES.

Each member shall pay the sum of *Two Dollars* annually, in December, unless exempt from assessment, as provided in Article VI.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### THE CHARITY FUND, AND MODES OF RELIEF.

There shall be a fund, kept separate and apart from the other funds, called the "Charity Fund of Massachusetts Lodge," which shall consist of such moneys heretofore appropriated or accumulated for that purpose as have not been expended, and of such grants and donations as may hereafter be made for its increase.

This fund shall be under the management of a board of five trustees, to be chosen by written or printed ballots at the annual meeting.

This board shall organize on the evening of election, and shall choose one of their number as Treasurer (who shall be other than the Treasurer of the Lodge), and one as Secretary, who shall respectively keep correct accounts and records in suitable books, which shall be open to the inspection of any member of the Lodge, and who shall faithfully perform such other duties as the nature of their respective offices shall require. The board shall, at the annual meeting, exhibit a true account of the state of the fund, and report the several sums expended in charitable donations the previous year.

The investment of the principal of the fund may be in the public stocks, or otherwise, as shall be for the interest of the Lodge, under the special care of the board.

The income of this fund may be appropriated in charity, for the relief of poor and distressed Masons, or their widows or orphans. The balance of interest remaining on hand at the close of each year shall be applied to increase the principal.

The Worshipful Master and Wardens shall represent this Lodge in the "Boston Masonic Board of Relief." All applications for charity from others than members of this Lodge shall be referred through this committee to the said "Board of Relief." Such sums may be appropriated, however, from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of any member, his widow or orphans, as may from time to time be directed by the Lodge.

There shall be paid into the treasury of the "Board of Relief," from the income of the Charity Fund, or other funds, such sum as may from time to time be directed.

## ARTICLE IX.

### HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

A member of twenty-five years' connection, who shall have paid all assessments and quarterages, shall be eligible to honorary membership, and may be elected by vote in the same manner as members.

## ARTICLE X.

### CUSTODY OF PROPERTY.

All property of this Lodge shall be kept in Freemasons' Hall, in Boston, secure from waste or injury, under the charge of the Stewards, unless otherwise specially assigned for custody.

## ARTICLE XI.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

A member, having complied with the By-Laws, may, at his own request, be honorably discharged from membership, by vote.

A member, neglecting to pay quarterages for the term of two years, may be stricken from the list, by vote; nevertheless, if any member is unable to pay his arrearages they may be remitted.

Strict decorum shall be observed at all meetings, and none shall leave without permission of the Worshipful Master.

The By-Laws shall be read in open session at the annual meeting, previous to the election of officers.

Should the integrity of any member be called in question, all discussion arising therefrom shall take place at a special meeting of members exclusively.

## ARTICLE XII.

### ALTERATION OF THE BY-LAWS.

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting, the proposed alteration having been presented in writing at the previous regular meeting, and the same referred to a committee for consideration. Upon their report, if the proposed amendment shall be approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, it shall be adopted.

# ORIGINAL MEMBERS.

JOSEPH TYLER,
WILLIAM PALFREY,
JAMES JACKSON,
ISAAC RAND,
JOHN HILL,
NATHANIEL CUDWORTH,
JOSHUA LORING,
JOHN JEFFRIES.

# ADMITTED MEMBERS.

**1770.**
Samuel Gardner,
John Langdon, Jr.,
Francis Shaw,
Nathaniel Tucker,
William Codner.

**1771.**
Thomas Love.

**1772.**
Jeremiah Allen,
William Tyler,
Nathaniel Coffin, Jr.,
Thomas Melvill,
Jonathan Williams, Jr.,
John Simpson,
Edward Gray,
William Molineux, Jr.,
Haws Hatch,
John McLean,
Henry Higginson,
Nathaniel Phillips,
Joshua Blanchard, Jr.

**1773.**
John S. Tyler,
Stephen Gorham,
Joseph Pierpoint,
Daniel Turner,
Peter Hussey.

**1774.**
John Fenno.

**1778.**
Benjamin Homans,
Perez Morton.

**1779.**
Stephen Bruce,
Nathaniel Craft,
John Read, Jr.,
Isaiah Doane,
Thomas Welsh,
Benjamin Call,
William Smith,
Winslow Warren,
William Scollay,
Samuel Breck,
John Williams,
John R. Livingston,
Henry Livingston,
John Carter,
Joshua Eaton,
Peter R. Dalton,
Edward Davis,
Daniel Parker, Jr.,
Samuel Bradford,
Thomas Leverett,
William Erskine.

**1780.**
Joseph Whipple,
Gawen Brown, Jr.,
Thomas Fosdick,
Joseph Green,
John Warren,
Nalborough Frazier,
Joseph Chapman,
Benjamin Weld,
John Delamater,
Laurent Forrest,
Peter Cheverier,
Gabriel Helme.

**1781.**
Henry Johnson,
Christopher Gore,
John Jackson,
Henry Newman,
Thomas Cushing,
John Shattuck,
Samuel Newman,
William White,
Thomas Dawes,
Stephen Codman,
Benjamin Austin,
Aaron Dexter,
Samuel Gould,
John Welsh, Jr.

**1782.**
William Hyslop,
Joseph Gawen,
Moses M. Hays.

**1783.**
John Homans,
Elisha Doane,
Baury de Bellerive,
Joseph Hale,

R. Brooke Roberts,
Charles Joy.

**1784.**

William Gray,
Samuel Whitwell, Jr.,
Benjamin Lincoln.

**1785.**

John Boyle.

**1788.**

Isaac Winslow,
Thomas K. Jones,
Jonathan Freeman, Jr.,
Samuel Quincy,
James Prince,
Samuel Blagge,
John Harbach,
William Little,
John Cormerais,
Daniel Sargent, Jr.,
John Browne Fitch,
John Williams,
John Stoughton,
Simon Elliot, Jr.

**1789.**

Allen Crocker,
Joseph Laughton,
J. H. Langier de Tassy,
James Hayman,
Sam'l Colesworthy, Jr.,
John McLean,
Thomas English,
Isaac Davis,
Samuel Prince.

**1790.**

Judah Hays,
William Boardman,
David W. Bradlee.

**1792.**

John Lowell,
Jonathan Amory,
Robert Wier,
James Thwing,
Thomas Brewer.

**1793.**

Ebenezer L. Boyd,
John S. Lowell.

**1795.**

Robert Gardner,
John Wheelwright,
Robert Ball,
Samuel Thwing,
John Webb Checkley,
David Tyler,
Samuel Bradlee,
John Davidson.

**1796.**

Michael Lowell.

**1797.**

Jesse Sumner.

**1798.**

Job Wheelwright, Jr.,
Nathaniel Ayers,
William Rowson,
George Wheelwright.

**1799.**

Rufus Davenport,
William Palfrey.

**1800.**

Nathaniel Tucker,
John Taylor,
Joshua Revere.

**1801.**

George Williams,
William Bowles.

**1802.**

Adams Bailey,
Turner Crocker,
Bela Clapp,
Michael Roulstone,
John Roulstone,
Peter Osgood,
Hezekiah H. Fessenden,
Asa Page,
Loring Jacobs,
Ebenezer Adams,
Jonathan Whitney,
Jeremiah Gardner,
Thomas Redman,
Job Drew,
Pliny Hartshorn,
Pliny Clap,
Thomas B. Wales,
John A. Parkman,
Charles P. Sumner,
Nathaniel Adams.

**1803.**

Moses Gardner,
John Bancroft,
Jonathan Jewett,
Matthew S. Parker,
James Cawte,
William Dexter,
John Loring,
Asa Ward.

**1804.**

George Sprague,
John Chadwick,
Elisha Hoyt,
Benjamin Deland,
George Jackson.

**1805.**

Zadock Merriam,
John Andrews,
Artemas Newhall,
Alexander Small,
Ebenezer Manson,
Howard Bowker,
Benjamin Gulliver,
Henry Saunders.

**1806.**

Isaac Adams,
William B. Cotton,
Daniel Woodman,
Elijah Veazie,
Robert Barber,
Ebenezer Pratt,
Richard C. Conner,
Elias Haskell,
George Milnes.

**1807.**

Josiah Calef,
William McMillan,
Lazarus Bowker,
Eldad Brown,
Warner Claflin,
Caleb Knight,
Daniel Dunwell,
Seth Turner,
John Deluce,

Stephen Peabody,
Benjamin Buxton,
Halsey Woodruff,
Solomon Wellman,
Jonathan Holbrook.

**1808.**

Ebenezer Cobb,
Benjamin Homer,
Ezekiel Andrews,
Jonas Prouty,
Cyrus Gale,
Joseph H. Robinson,
Jacob Todd,
Lemuel B. Spear.

**1809.**

Joel Prouty,
Solomon Twist,
Henry Tolman,
David Cobb,
Joseph Camp,
William Shed,
Ira Drew,
Jedediah Sawtell.

**1810.**

Ebenezer E. Finch.

**1811.**

Joseph D. Annable,
Zacheriah G. Whitman,
Eleazer G. House,
Joseph Sawtell,
Ephraim Beaman,
William Snaith,
James Bourguin,
Thomas Munroe, Jr.

**1812.**

Joseph Batson,
Daniel L. Gibbens,
Caswell Beal,
Selden Braynard.

**1813.**

John Whitney,
James Hooper,
Dexter Dana,
John Goodell,
Israel Whitney,
Galen Holmes,
Peter Brigham,
Thomas Matthews,
William Parker.

**1814.**

John Krueger,
Nathan Cole,
Levi Brigham.

**1815.**

Daniel Robbins,
John Gordon,
Joseph Bond,
Spencer Thomas,
Charles K. Whitman,
Edward Jewett.

**1816.**

Pliny Hayes,
William Smith, Jr.,
David Andrews,
David Homer,
Nath'l Frothingham, Jr.,
Josiah Wilkins,
Jacob Knapp,
Thomas W. Cummings,
James Wilson.

**1817.**

John L. Phillips,
Enoch Hobart,
William Paine,
Jacob Barstow,
Jedediah Tuttle,
Charles Stockbridge,
Samuel Guild,
Samuel Fisher, Jr.,
Amos Clarke,
John Richards,
Thomas Foster.

**1818.**

Hazen Morse,
John Blanchard,
William Pollard,
Abraham A. Dame,
Joshua Thompson.

**1819.**

Ebenezer Gunnison,
Jeremiah Smallidge,
Nathaniel Niles,
Edward Russell,
Thomas Reed,
Barnard Merritt,
William Emerson,
Cornelius Driscoll,
Alpheus Cary,
Sumner Hudson,
Daniel Draper.
Daniel Merrill,
Martin Wilder,
William B. Annin,
David S. Claflin,
John Allen,
William Reed,
William Wright,
William Palfrey, Jr.

**1820.**

Abel Bowen,
Henry Bowen,
Jesse Willis,
Jesse W. Morse.

**1821.**

John Hudson,
Charles M. Domett,
Nathaniel Grover,
William Bell.

**1822.**

Edward White.

**1823.**

Nathaniel Cotton,
Isaac Pierce,
Henry H. Barton,
Cushing Nichols.

**1824.**

Thomas Chubbuck,
Samuel Cushing,
Andrew Betteley.

**1825.**

Wyatt Richards,
Peter Stephenson,
Charles Lyon.

**1826.**

John P. Bigelow,
Daniel Kimball,
John J. Low.

**1827.**

Loring Newcomb,
Joshua Mott,
Stephen Mansur,
Eli C. Williams,
Francis R. Bigelow.

**1828.**
Benjamin I. Leeds,
Nathaniel P. Kimball,
James Gardner,
Joseph H. Buckingham,
Elijah T. Weatherbee,
Josephus Freeman.

**1834.**
William Stearns.

**1841.**
Edward Cruft, Jr.

**1842.**
Jacob Q. Kettelle.

**1843.**
Edward A. Raymond.

**1844.**
Henry M. L. Whitman.

**1845.**
Edward McMahon.

**1846.**
David Ricker,
Cushman Bassett,
Randall G. Burrell,
Charles L. Haley,
Alexander J. Mitchell,
Charles Colburn,
Daniel Stone,
George G. Smith,
Abraham T. Lowe,
B. Franklin Baker,
Jonas G. Shillaber,
Peter S. Wheelock,
Hiram Ferry,
John Borrowscale,
William B. Hawes,
Oliver B. Dorrance,
Jacob Fellows.

**1847.**
Daniel Honigsberger,
George W. Cutter,
John F. Locke,
Ezra Parmenter,
William Cullen,
William Mitchell,
Joseph B. Frost, Jr.

**1848.**
John Nichols,
William C. Beckwith,
Frederick L. Gould,
Horace G. Barrus.

**1849.**
Ammi B. Young,
Abel B. Shattuck,
John W. Rowe,
Antoine Sonrell,
William Prentice,
Daniel W. Burnside,
Thomas R. Lambert,
Timothy B. Winn.

**1850.**
Charles K. Darling,
Frederick Howard,
Samuel Bigelow,
Matthias Ellis,
Spencer Nolen,
George W. Southworth,
Francis McDonald,
Martin W. Long,
Samuel J. Winton,
John P. Thayer,
William K. Bacall,
Thomas G. Whytal,
Otis S. Savage,
Albion K. Patterson,
James F. Drummond,
William R. Davis.

**1851.**
John K. Fellows,
John T. Gilman,
James Hemmeon,
William Shannon,
Willard J. Whiting,
Stephen H. Clarke.

**1852.**
John C. Harrington,
Alexander K. Bryer,
Samuel Kenan,
John S. Mallory,
John P. Robinson,
William K. Jones,
Nathaniel Emerson,
Luther A. Ham,
Robert Taylor,
Samuel Hinkson,
Jonathan Hallett,
Gilman Brickett.

**1853.**
Phinehas B. Smith,
Bernard Milkman,
Frederick W. Morse,
Cyrus T. Francis,
William Block,
John P. Ordway,
Bailey T. Mills.

**1854.**
William H. Cook,
George W. Bartley,
Josiah A. Capen,
John A. Drew,
Benjamin Heath,
Richard B. Roberts,
Thomas F. Hinckley,
Hiram Herrick,
William W. Capen,
Amos Dodge,
George F. Drake,
James Smiley,
Joseph W. Taverner,
William Read,
Augustus Munroe.

**1855.**
Seth E. Pecker,
Frank O. Dame,
Richard Laundry,
Nathaniel C. Walker,
Edmund T. Eastman,
Morris Mattson,
John B. Meer,
Rufus N. Forbush,
Ebenezer N. Blake,
David Patterson,
Holmes Nash,
Augustus Russ,
Robert Pearce,
Lewis F. Whiting,
John S. Drake.

**1856.**
Frederick P. Ingalls,
John Butterworth,
Sanborn Fifield,
Rufus N. Forbush,

Samuel L. Bickford,
William Filene,
Justin Jones,
Daniel Rickerby,
Charles H. Bruce,
James B. Leeds.

**1857.**

Henry W. Richardson,
Louis L. Solomon,
Leonard L. Hodges,
John Harult,
John W. Morey,
George H. Kilburn,
James Deely,
Charles F. Anthony,
Thomas G. Hale,
Ansill Carr,
Robert Cowdin,
Charles H. Hogg,
Charles H. Simpson.

**1858.**

Arthur Taylor,
Alexis Poole,
John J. McNutt,
Truman M. Johnson,
Frederick A. Sawyer,
Thomas Stewart,
Edwin R. Frost,
Frank Kimball,
David S. Simpson.

**1859.**

Reuben M. French,
Peter H. Niles,
Albert G. Wilbor,
Edward A. French,
Edmund B. Vannevar,
Fred'k W. Alexander,
Andrew G. Weeks,
Albert M. Cutler,
Charles A. Barry,
Henry D. Gilman,
David Austin,
Elven F. Gates,
George H. Chapman,
Charles H. King,
Warren B Potter,
Alonzo H. Morris.

**1860.**

Benj. D. Alexander,
Daniel Seaverns,
Charles W. Slack,
Isaac Tower,
Henry Webber,
James C. Tucker,
Alfred F. Chapman,
John S. Bradbury,
William Patterson,
Henry Walmsley,
Thomas P. Frost,
Ferdinand Geldowsky,
Eli F. Redman,
Joseph W. Grigg,
Alfred M. Channell,
John T. Kauffer,
William Wills,
William H. Locke.

**1861.**

E. Warren Hastings,
William Jennings,
Jacob Graves.

**1862.**

Moses L. Ordway,
Henry J. Parker,
Sidney H. Hatch,
Freder'k W. Nickerson.
Peter M. Beal,
John Menzel,
William L Bonney,
Henry H. Packer.

**1863.**

Calvin Barrett,
Henry Orr.

# PAST MASTERS.

[NOTE. — The Masters mentioned below were elected for the whole or major part of the years prefixed to their respective names; in some cases resignations occurred before the expiration of the terms for which they were elected. In no instance, however, were their successors other than those who previously or subsequently occupied the chair.]

1770 JOSEPH TYLER,
1771 WILLIAM PALFREY,
1772 JOSEPH TYLER,
1773 JOSEPH TYLER,
1774 JOHN JEFFRIES,
1775 JOHN JEFFRIES.
[Interregnum.]
1779 WILLIAM PALFREY,
1780 JAMES JACKSON,
1781 PEREZ MORTON,
1782 STEPHEN BRUCE,
1783 MOSES M. HAYS,
1784 MOSES M. HAYS,
1785 MOSES M. HAYS.
[Interregnum.]
1788 WILLIAM SCOLLAY,
1789 WILLIAM SCOLLAY,
1790 WILLIAM SCOLLAY,
1791 WILLIAM SCOLLAY,
1792 SAMUEL BRADFORD,
1793 JONATHAN FREEMAN,
1794 JONATHAN FREEMAN,
1795 JOSEPH LAUGHTON,
1796 SIMON ELLIOT,
1797 SIMON ELLIOT,
1798 JOHN BOYLE,
1799 ALLEN CROCKER,
1800 JOHN BOYLE,
1801 ALLEN CROCKER,
1802 ALLEN CROCKER,
1803 JOHN BOYLE,
1804 JOB DREW,
1805 JOB DREW,
1806 JOB DREW,
1807 THOMAS REDMAN,
1808 THOMAS REDMAN,
1809 JOHN CHADWICK,
1810 JOB DREW,
1811 MATTHEW S. PARKER,
1812 MATTHEW S. PARKER,
1813 JONATHAN WHITNEY,
1814 JONATHAN WHITNEY,
1815 JOB DREW,
1816 ELEAZER G. HOUSE,
1817 DANIEL L. GIBBENS,
1818 DANIEL L. GIBBENS,
1819 ZACHERIAH G. WHITMAN,
1820 ZACHERIAH G. WHITMAN,
1821 MICHAEL ROULSTONE,
1822 ENOCH HOBART,
1823 JEDEDIAH TUTTLE,
1824 ABRAHAM A. DAME,
1825 ABRAHAM A. DAME,
1826 WILLIAM EMERSON,
1827 HENRY H. BARTON,
1828 HENRY H. BARTON,
1829 HENRY H. BARTON,
1830 NATHANIEL COTTON,
1831 MARTIN WILDER,
1832 MARTIN WILDER,
1833 MARTIN WILDER,
1834 FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,
1835 FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,
1836 FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,
1837 FRANCIS R. BIGELOW,
1838 HENRY BOWEN,
1839 ENOCH HOBART,
1840 ENOCH HOBART,
1841 ENOCH HOBART,
1842 MARTIN WILDER,
1843 MARTIN WILDER,
1844 ABRAHAM A. DAME,

1845 Abraham A. Dame,
1846 Enoch Hobart,
1847 George G. Smith,
1848 George G. Smith,
1849 George G. Smith,
1850 B. Franklin Baker,
1851 B. Franklin Baker,
1852 Peter S. Wheelock,
1853 Francis McDonald,
1854 Francis McDonald,
1855 Thomas G. Whytal,
1856 Thomas G. Whytal,
1857 John K. Fellows,
1858 John K. Fellows,
1859 William Read,
1860 William Read,
1861 Thomas G. Whytal,
1862 Martin W. Long.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

| NAMES. | ADMITTED. | HONORED. |
|---|---|---|
| Matthew S. Parker, . . | April 19, 1803, | May 17, 1852. |
| Daniel L. Gibbens,* . . | Feb. 24, 1812, | May 17, 1852. |
| Enoch Hobart, . . . . | Feb. 28, 1817, | May 17, 1852. |
| Abraham A. Dame, . . . | June 29, 1818, | May 17, 1852. |
| Martin Wilder,* . . . | Sept. 24, 1819, | May 17, 1852. |
| William Palfrey, . . . | Dec. 31, 1819, | May 17, 1852. |
| Henry Bowen, . . . . . | May 26, 1820, | May 17, 1852. |
| Nathaniel Cotton, . . . | Jan. 31, 1823, | May 17, 1852. |
| Wyatt Richards, . . . | Feb. 25, 1825, | May 17, 1852. |
| Elias Haskell,* . . . . | Sept. 29, 1806, | Jan. 17, 1853. |
| Elijah T. Weatherbee,* . | Oct. 31, 1828, | Dec. 19, 1853. |

* Deceased.

# ACTIVE MEMBERS.

| Names. | Admitted. | Names. | Admitted. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Jacob Q. Kettelle, | Dec. 30, 1842 | Justin Jones, | Dec. 15, 1856 |
| Randall G. Burrell, | June 12, 1846 | Charles H. Bruce, | Dec. 15, 1856 |
| George G. Smith, | Dec. 18, 1846 | James B. Leeds, | Dec. 15, 1856 |
| Jacob Fellows, | Dec. 25, 1846 | Henry W. Richardson, | Jan. 19, 1857 |
| John Borrowscale, | Dec. 25, 1846 | Louis L. Solomon, | Feb. 16, 1857 |
| Joseph B. Frost, Jr., | Dec. 31, 1847 | John Harult, | Mar. 16, 1857 |
| Charles K. Darling, | Feb. 18, 1850 | Leonard L. Hodges, | Mar. 16, 1857 |
| Francis McDonald, | June 4, 1850 | John W. Morey, | May 18, 1857 |
| Martin W. Long, | June 4, 1850 | Charles F. Anthony, | Sept. 21, 1857 |
| Thomas G. Whytal, | Oct. 21, 1850 | Robert Cowdin, | Nov. 16, 1857 |
| John K. Fellows, | Mar. 17, 1851 | Charles H. Simpson, | Dec. 21, 1857 |
| Alexander K. Bryer, | Feb. 16, 1852 | Alexis Poole, | Feb. 15, 1858 |
| John P. Robinson, | Sept. 20, 1852 | John J. McNutt, | Feb. 15, 1858 |
| William K. Jones, | Sept. 20, 1852 | Truman M. Johnson, | Mar. 15, 1858 |
| Nathaniel Emerson, | Sept. 20, 1852 | Edwin R. Frost | June 21, 1858 |
| Robert Taylor, | Oct. 18, 1852 | Frank Kimball, | June 21, 1858 |
| Luther A. Ham, | Oct. 18, 1852 | David S. Simpson, | Nov. 15, 1858 |
| Bernard Milkman, | Mar. 21, 1853 | Reuben M. French, | Jan. 17, 1859 |
| Frederick W. Morse, | Mar. 21, 1853 | Peter H. Niles, | May 16, 1859 |
| John P. Ordway, | Sept. 19, 1853 | Edward A. French, | May 16, 1859 |
| Bailey T. Mills, | Nov. 21, 1853 | Edmund B. Vannevar, | May 16, 1859 |
| George W. Bartley, | Jan. 16, 1854 | Albert G. Wilbor, | May 16, 1859 |
| Josiah A. Capen, | Jan. 16, 1854 | Andrew G. Weeks, | Oct. 17, 1859 |
| Benjamin Heath, | Feb. 20, 1854 | Albert M. Cutler, | Oct. 17, 1859 |
| Richard B. Roberts, | May 15, 1854 | Charles A. Barry, | Oct. 17, 1859 |
| Thomas F. Hinckley, | Sept. 18, 1854 | Henry D. Gilman, | Oct. 17, 1859 |
| Hiram Herrick, | Sept. 18, 1854 | David Austin, | Oct. 17, 1859 |
| Amos Dodge, | Sept. 18, 1854 | George H. Chapman, | Nov. 21, 1859 |
| George F. Drake, | Oct. 16, 1854 | Charles H. King, | Nov. 21, 1859 |
| James Smiley, | Nov. 20, 1854 | Warren B. Potter, | Dec. 17, 1859 |
| William Read, | Dec. 18, 1854 | Alonzo H. Morris, | Dec. 17, 1859 |
| Seth E. Pecker, | Feb. 19, 1855 | Benjamin D. Alexander, | Feb. 20, 1860 |
| Frank O. Dame, | Feb. 19, 1855 | Isaac Tower, | Feb. 20, 1860 |
| Edmund T. Eastman, | Sept. 17, 1855 | Charles W. Slack, | Feb. 20, 1860 |
| John B. Meer, | Sept. 17, 1855 | Daniel Seaverns, | Feb. 20, 1860 |
| Morris Mattson, | Sept. 17, 1855 | Henry Webber, | Feb. 20, 1860 |
| David Patterson, | Oct. 15, 1855 | James C. Tucker, | Mar. 19, 1860 |
| Augustus Russ, | Oct. 15, 1855 | Alfred F. Chapman, | April 16, 1860 |
| John S. Drake, | Nov. 19, 1855 | William Patterson, | May 21, 1860 |
| Frederick P. Ingalls, | Apr. 21, 1856 | Eli F. Redman, | May 21, 1860 |
| John Butterworth, | Apr. 21, 1856 | John S. Bradbury, | May 21, 1860 |
| Sanborn Fifield, | June 16, 1856 | Joseph W. Grigg, | May 21, 1860 |

| Names. | Admitted. | Names. | Admitted. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Thomas P. Frost, | May 21, 1860 | Moses L. Ordway, | Mar. 17, 1862 |
| Ferdinand Geldowsky, | May 21, 1860 | Sidney H. Hatch, | May 19, 1862 |
| Alfred M. Channell, | June 18, 1860 | Frederick W. Nickerson, | May 19, 1862 |
| William H. Locke, | Sept. 17, 1860 | Peter M. Beal, | Sept. 15, 1862 |
| William Wills, | Sept. 17, 1860 | John Menzel, | Sept. 15, 1862 |
| John T. Kauffer, | Sept. 17, 1860 | Gardner S. Cheney, | Oct. 20, 1862 |
| E. Warren Hastings, | Mar. 18, 1861 | William L. Bonney, | Dec. 15, 1862 |
| William Jennings, | Mar. 18, 1861 | Henry H. Packer, | Dec. 15, 1862 |
| Jacob Graves, | Mar. 18, 1861 | Calvin Barrett, | Jan. 19, 1863 |
| Henry J. Parker, | Mar. 17, 1862 | Henry Orr, | Feb. 16, 1863 |

# OFFICERS FOR 1863.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER.
ALFRED F. CHAPMAN.

SENIOR WARDEN.
CHARLES W. SLACK.

JUNIOR WARDEN.
EDMUND B. VANNEVAR.

TREASURER.
CHARLES K. DARLING.

SECRETARY.
JOSEPH W. GRIGG.

SENIOR DEACON.
JACOB GRAVES.

JUNIOR DEACON.
DANIEL SEAVERNS.

SENIOR STEWARD.
RANDALL G. BURRELL.

JUNIOR STEWARD.
HENRY J. PARKER.

MARSHAL.
LUTHER A. HAM.

SENTINEL.
ELI F. REDMAN.

TYLER.
LUTHER L. TARBELL.

ORGANIST.
HORACE G. BARROWS.

TRUSTEES OF THE CHARITY FUND.

ENOCH HOBART, | ABRAHAM A. DAME,
NATHANIEL COTTON, | LUTHER A. HAM,
JOHN P. ORDWAY.

# APPENDIX.

## GENERAL RULES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

### TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

The Regular Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be held in the city of Boston on the second Wednesday in December, March, June, and September, at 2 o'clock, P. M. There shall also be a special communication held annually on the 27th of December, commencing at 9 o'clock in the morning, for instruction in the Lectures and Work of the Degrees recognized by this Grand Lodge, for the Installation of the Grand Officers, and for the celebration of the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

### POWERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge has the inherent power of investigating, regulating, and deciding all matters relative to the Craft or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers; which power it may exercise either by itself or by such delegated authority as, in its wisdom and discretion, it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of revoking the Charter of Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

### NOT TO EXPEL FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall suspend or expel a member from the rights of Masonry for the non-payment of dues. The highest penalty for such delinquency shall be forfeiture, or suspension of membership.

### BRETHREN MAY APPEAL.

As the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representation of every individual member of the Fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interests of the Craft. Any Brother, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any Lodge or other Masonic authority, acting under this jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary ten days at least before the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge. A notice and copy of the appeal must also, and at the same time, be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

### RESPECTING RESTORATIONS.

Whenever the Grand Lodge shall reverse or abrogate the decision of a subordinate Lodge suspending or expelling a Brother, and shall restore him to the benefits and privileges of Masonry, he shall not thereby be restored to membership within the body from which he was suspended or expelled, without its unanimous consent.

INSTRUCTION OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GRAND LODGE.

The majority of the members of any Lodge, when duly assembled, shall have the right to instruct their Master and Wardens as their representatives in the Grand Lodge.

RIGHTS OF A MINORITY WHEN A MAJORITY WITHDRAW.

As every warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the Fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant. If, therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to leave the Institution or leave that Lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If the number remaining shall, however, be reduced to less than seven, the Charter shall be returned, agreeably to the regulation in such cases provided.

UNIFORMITY OF WORK.

All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs. Every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and ought not to be countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among the Craft, some members of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient. And it shall be the duty of the Master and Wardens to qualify themselves in the work and lectures, sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, that they may be enabled to instruct their respective Lodges.

REJECTED CANDIDATES NOT TO BE RECEIVED ELSEWHERE, ETC.

No candidate, whose application may be rejected by a Lodge, shall be initiated in any Lodge under this jurisdiction, other than the one to which he first applied, without a recommendation from six members of the said Lodge, of whom the Master and Wardens shall be three. And when the Master and Wardens are unwilling so to recommend a candidate who has been rejected, it shall be their duty to communicate such rejection to the Grand Lodge, or to the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall immediately communicate the same to all Lodges under his jurisdiction. And if any Mason knowingly assists or recommends for initiation *to any Lodge whatever* any candidate rejected as aforesaid, who may not have obtained a recommendation as before provided, such Mason shall be expelled from the Institution, or subjected to such other penalty as the Grand Lodge may see cause to impose.

BALLOTS FOR CANDIDATES MUST BE UNANIMOUS.

The general rule which governs the Order in the admission of members is, that such admission is to be sanctioned by entire unanimity; and so sacred and fundamental does the Grand Lodge conceive this rule to be, that no candidate shall be initiated in any Lodge, under this jurisdiction, without a clear and unanimous vote in his favor. Every member present shall vote on the application, unless excused by the Lodge.

BRETHREN MAY OBJECT TO CANDIDATES BEFORE THE DEGREES ARE CONFERRED.

Any member of a subordinate Lodge may object to the initiation, passing, or raising of a candidate at any time before the degree is conferred; and it shall be the duty of the Lodge to investigate such objections before proceeding further with the candidate.

TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS IN MASTERS' LODGE.

No business, other than that appertaining to the work and lectures, shall be transacted in a Lodge while open on the first or second degree. All general business, such as the election and installation of officers, the discussion of questions relating to the general interests of the Fraternity, and the local affairs of the Lodge, shall be transacted in a Masters' Lodge.

MASTER MASONS ONLY ADMITTED MEMBERS.

The Lodges shall admit as members such only as are Master Masons. And any Brother having been discharged for non-payment of dues shall not be admitted to membership in any other Lodge until the same are paid or remitted. The receipt or certificate from the Secretary of the Lodge, of which the applicant was last a member, shall be satisfactory evidence that his dues have been cancelled.

LODGE MAY TAKE COGNIZANCE OF A SOJOURNING BROTHER.

Any Lodge may take cognizance of the conduct of any sojourning Brother or Brethren, not attached to any particular Lodge, upon a charge of unmasonic conduct.

PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FOR PUBLIC PROCESSIONS.

No Lodge shall form a public procession without permission from the Grand Master, (or, in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master,) or the District Deputy Grand Master within whose District it is located.

INTERMENT OF BRETHREN.

No Mason can be interred with the formalities of the Order, unless it be at his own special request, without a dispensation from the Grand Master; nor under any circumstances, unless he has been advanced to the degree of a Master Mason.

BRETHREN NOT TO VISIT MORE THAN TWICE, ETC., IF NOT MEMBERS.

No Mason, not a member of some subordinate Lodge, shall be allowed to visit the same Lodge in the place where he resides more than twice, without the permission of the Master, or vote of the Lodge.

ON SUSPENSION OF BY-LAWS.

No Lodge can suspend the operation of a By-Law; nor, at a *special* meeting, alter or expunge any part of the proceedings of a *stated* one.

ON RECONSIDERATION OF VOTES.

Any vote passed in the Grand Lodge, or by any subordinate Lodge, may be reconsidered at the same meeting; or at the next subsequent meeting, provided notice of the intention to move for such a reconsideration shall be given at the meeting at which the vote was originally passed.